



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 9136** **RECEIVED**  
Teruhiro SHIONO et al. : Docket No. 2001\_1700A **DEC 20 2004**  
Serial No. 09/988,788 : Group Art Unit 2652 **Technology Center 2600**  
Filed November 20, 2001 : Examiner Peter V. Agustin

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ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975.

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**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of August 11, 2004, a Petition for a one-month extension  
of time being filed concurrently herewith, please amend the above-identified application as  
follows.